EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE

Flare Safety

KEY TEACHING POINTS

- Flares can be invaluable for warning motorists of vehicles stalled on the road. However, flares
 can present serious hazards when used on the job. Workers can easily steer clear of these risks
 with caution, a minimal amount of training, and common sense.
- The number one hazard for workers who use flares is burning themselves, especially when igniting the flares. To protect themselves, workers should point the flares away from their faces and bodies. Workers should also hold flares away from their bodies when walking with them. If available, put the legs of the flares down and completely set them up before lighting them.
- Another basic rule is to keep flares away from ignitable materials. Don't use flares near leaking fuel or dry brush. After arriving at a traffic incident, the worker should survey the scene to determine whether the conditions are safe for using flares.
- Flares can be a road hazard because traffic or pedestrians could knock them over. Therefore, use extreme caution when placing flares. Don't use them in large crowds, especially when children are around.
- Flares should be placed on the edge of the lane in which there is a problem rather than in the
 middle of the road. Place them at the beginning of the lane, then at intervals of 10 to 15 feet, so
 that traffic gradually moves around the incident. Workers must be careful when using flares
 around corners or on hills to warn motorists. Put a blare far enough down on the hill so that
 motorists know about the hazard before they get to the hill's crest.
- If flares are still burning after the accident has been cleared, the best option, if there is enough time, is to let them burn out by themselves. Otherwise, look for dry sand or dirt on the side of the road and snuff out the flare. Make certain they're out and be sure that no unspent sulfur is let in the area.
- It's important to store flares correctly so that they're in good condition when you need them.
 They must be kept dry, because if the paper gets wet and the seal opens, the sulfur will leak out.
 Keep them in a dry, secure place in the vehicle. Keep them away from fuel and from anything that's ignitable in any way. When transporting hazardous materials, reflective triangles are preferable.

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